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Column One
By David Courtney

FRENCH men and (that post-war complication) women today will elect a new National Assembly. The curious electoral system, part majority, part proportional representation, and part what the various political groups have made out of the "related lists" machinery, leaves the outcome sheer guesswork.

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IT is probable that personalities will have more effect on today's voting than has been customary in France. M. Mendes-France, skilfully aggressive, and M. Faure, persuasively defensive, have dominated the election campaign. They represent two opposing wings of the same Party, the Radicals, with the "Mendesians" hoping for a centre-left majority of votes out of which their leader would be able to sew up a cohesive coalition, and the "Faurists" hoping for a centre-right majority that would give M. Faure the opportunity to form a Government.

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YESTERDAY'S papers tell of a public opinion poll taken by "L'Express" and giving M. Mendes-France a three to one lead in popular judgment over his nearest rival for the Premiership. Put that way M. Mendes-France's chances look good. But the poll was carried out by his own newspaper and the positive vote in his favour was only 27 per cent. Perhaps 27 per cent is not bad in the fragmented political conditions of France today; but it is nothing like enough, or for that matter broadly enough spread over the electorate, to justify optimism about the chances of M. Mendes-France and his centre-leftist followers.

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FOREIGN affairs have not made much of a showing in the campaign although both M. Faure and M. Mendes-France have judged the time appropriate, the one to make conciliatory noises towards Soviet Russia, and the other to make growling noises in the direction of NATO, or rather at the statement published after the last meeting in Paris of the North Atlantic Council. M. Faure, who, with M. Pinay, was to have gone to Moscow last Autumn but cancelled the proposed visit after Russia had taken part in the U.N. anti-colonial vote against France, now thinks the question of a high level visit to Moscow should be taken up again by whatever Government may follow the elections. M. Mendes-France thinks the North Atlantic Council's statement, which was signed for France by M. Pinay, put itself out of date and out of real profit for the West by harping on armaments instead of calling attention to the need to offset the Soviet intrusion into the social and economic field.

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AS to the probable results of today's voting, the experts, not unnaturally, have defied caution and prepared at least some of the likelier forecasts. Most of them seem to think that the Communists will improve their position, together with the extreme right. The extremist margins of many democratic electorates seem to be widening nowadays, as they did in the more confused periods after the first World War. The widening process is probably less a matter of ideology than of the irritation felt by an increasing number of people on society's fringe at the failure of the moderate and traditional parties to produce cohesive government and comprehensible policy.

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IT looks as if the Socialists will lose seats today, partly because of a straight loss of votes and partly because certain strong list-combinations opposing them may be able to cancel out their votes in some areas. The French Socialists, for all their splendid antecedents, are today a party in search of a policy; which carries out the search less within itself than among possible partners, like the "Mendesians." The Radicals are unlikely to benefit from their split into "Mendesians" and "Faurists," although M. Faure personally, or M. Mendes-France personally, may. The M.R.P. expect to keep their 79 seats and the expectation is not seriously contested by the electoral soothsayers. But what nobody dares guess at is the support likely to be given to the new, startling group known from its founder as the Poujadists, that odd, French tradesman's version of the slogan: No taxation without representation — and even then not much.

Jerusalem, January 2.

Frenchmen Vote Today to Elect New Assembly

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — France's 26 million voters go to the polls tomorrow in an election aimed at hauling the country off the parliamentary "merry-go-round" which has bedevilled its post-war politics.

The dynamic, milk-drinking ex-Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, is leading a left-wing coalition in an all-out challenge to the present rightist government parties. But most neutral observers here believe that his efforts to assume power will fall short and that no single party or group of parties will get a big enough majority to rule the country outright.

Thus, French hopes of bringing to an end the political confusion which has led to the formation of 21 governments since the end of World War II seem unlikely to be realised.

Hope for Landslide

But supporters of M. Mendes-France — "the man who stopped the war in Indo-China" — have not given up hope of a landslide for his coalition. Many non-Communist Frenchmen with no strong party affiliations would like to give him a chance.

The election is for France's third post-war National Assembly, which is elected for a five-year term. The second Assembly was dissolved last month — six months before the expiration of its term — by Prime Minister Edgar Faure, who wanted early elections.

More than 5,000 candidates of many political shades are contesting the election — many more than in the last general election in 1951 — but the campaign has boiled down to a struggle for influence between the centre-right alliance led by M. Faure and M. Antoine Pinay, and M. Mendes-France's "Republican front."

1,300 Political Groups

About 1,300 political organizations have registered their intention of running candidates for election. But many of them will turn up in only one constituency with the purpose of drawing away votes from the principal right- or left-wing organizations, which are:

The Communists, led by M. Maurice Thorez, who held 96 seats in the old 627-member Assembly.

The Socialists, led by M. Guy Mollet, with 104 members in the old Assembly.

The near Radicals, led by M. Francois Mitterand (35 members).

The Orthodox Radicals, nominally led by 84-year-old Edouard Herriot, M. Mendes-France, 49, controls the party machinery.

Dissident radicals led by M. Faure, who was expelled from the ranks of the Orthodox Radicals with other members after a row over his election programme. The Radical Party before the split had 73 members in the old Assembly.

Popular Republicans, led by M. Pierre Henri Teitgen (89 members).

Conservatives, covering a number of centre or moderate right-wing parties represented in the outgoing Government of M. Faure. Key figure in this group, which held a total of 129 seats in the old Assembly, is M. Antoine Pinay, the outgoing Foreign Minister.

The Social Republicans, who are the rump of the former Gaullist movement (General de Gaulle has taken no part in the present elections) which held 69 seats in the old Assembly.

Poujadists, led by anti-tax campaigner M. Pierre Poujade, whose fiery campaign on behalf of shopkeepers had already forced the Assembly to make big tax concessions.

Various extreme right-wing groups.

Eve of election forecasts indicate that the 544 seats in the new Assembly (not counting Algeria where elections have been postponed) will be distributed as follows: Government parties 285, Communists 126, Mendes-France coalition 125 and Poujadists and extreme right 8.

FRENCH KILL 58 IN NEW RIFF CAMPAIGN

RABAT, Sunday (Reuter). — In bitterly cold weather, French troops backed by planes, tanks and artillery today pushed into the Riff Mountains in a drive against Moroccan rebels, according to reports from Fez.

At least 58 rebels have been killed so far, not counting those whose bodies were carried away. French losses were put at four dead, six wounded, and one missing.

The aim of the drive is to clear the rebels from the main highway from Fez into the Riff Mountains, and then to pursue them into the hills with infantry and mule columns.

Three French soldiers were killed when Algerian rebels hurling grenades attacked a convoy of French alpine troops near Issers yesterday, according to reports reaching Algiers today. Two rebels were killed in Batna.

5 LOST IN AIR CRASH

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter). — Five men are missing from a French Martinet military aircraft which crashed in a storm off the Algerian coast last night. The only survivor struggled for two hours in a rough sea before reaching the shore. He said he was sure that the others were lost.

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13 Nations Recognize Sudan Independence

KHARTOUM, Sunday (Reuter). — The British and Egyptian flags were hauled down at the Governor-General's palace here today and replaced by the tricolour of the new Sudanese Republic as the Nile state became independent after 56 years of Anglo-Egyptian rule.

Besides Britain and Egypt, 11 other nations immediately recognized the new state. They are the U.S., India, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, South Africa, East Germany, Belgium, Ethiopia, the Lebanon, Iraq and the Yemen.

At an impressive ceremony in Parliament, letters announcing British and Egyptian recognition of the new state were read and a committee of five men was formally sworn in to assume the powers of Head of State.

The five, accompanied by Premier Ismail el Azhary, the Speaker, and opposition leader, headed a procession of Members of Parliament to the Palace of the former Governor-General, Sir Knox Helm, who announced his retirement in mid-December.

El Azhary, in a brief speech, thanked all the nations which had helped the Sudan become independent, particularly Britain and Egypt. He and the leader of the opposition together hoisted the new flag — coloured blue for the Nile, green for agriculture and yellow for the desert sand — in place of the Union Jack and the Egyptian flag.

El Azhari handed the British and Egyptian representatives their respective flags, symbolizing the end of their joint rule over the Sudan's nine million Arab and Negro peoples. In his speech at the palace today, El Azhari thanked Egypt and Britain for honouring their obligations and pledges.

General Mahmoud Seif el Yazal Khalifan, Egyptian Chief of Staff of the unified command with Syria, has been appointed as first Egyptian Ambassador to Khartoum. He left Cairo for Khartoum yesterday.

Czechs See Anti-Tito Blasts 'Went Too Far'

VIENNA, Sunday (Reuter). — President Antonin Zapotocky of Czechoslovakia said in a New Year message broadcast by Prague Radio that Czech propaganda against Yugoslavia "sometimes went too far" in the past.

Addressing the President of Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito, Mr. Zapotocky stated that there were no longer any obstacles in the way of normalizing relations between their two countries, the radio said.

"I admit that sometimes we went too far in our propaganda against Yugoslavia at the time when Yugoslavia was not cooperating with the countries of the peace camp," he declared.

Mr. Zapotocky said that Czechoslovakia would need "peace" to carry out successfully the country's second five-year plan which begins this year. Czechoslovakia was aiming to establish the best possible relations with West Germany and Austria. Friendship with these two countries was essential to the further building of socialism in Czechoslovakia.

Hungarian Leader Raps U.S. Christmas Message

VIENNA, Sunday (Reuter). — The Hungarian Prime Minister, Mr. Andras Hegedues, attacked the Christmas message to Eastern Europe from U.S. leaders in a New Year article published today by the newspaper "Szabad Nep."

The message sent by President Eisenhower and other leading American personalities wished for the speedy restoration of liberty to the Communist countries of East Europe.

Mr. Hegedues, whose statement was made in reply to press questions and was quoted by Budapest Radio, said that the American message was "contrary to the spirit of Geneva and must be considered as unwarrantable interference in the affairs of the people's democracies."

He added that his country would work for improved relations with Yugoslavia, and hoped that these would soon be normal, and would improve relations with Middle and Far Eastern countries and with the colonial peoples.

123 Die in Japanese Shrine Collapse

TOKYO, Sunday (UP).—Tragedy struck on the first day of Japan's "Year of the Monkey," claiming the lives of 123 persons at the historic Yahiko Shrine near Niigata in northern Japan. They were killed when the concrete parapet surrounding the shrine collapsed. Fifty others were injured.

Thirty thousand worshippers packed the small shrine. As nearby Buddhist temple bells tolled in the New Year, priests threw Japanese rice cakes, symbolic of good luck, into the crowd. The crowd surged to catch the cakes and the parapet surrounding the shrine and its grounds suddenly collapsed under the pressure. Hundreds toppled in an almost inextricable mass several metres below on to the heads of other worshippers.

Harding Sees End of Cyprus Terror

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Field Marshal Sir John Harding today warned the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization in Cyprus that its days are numbered. In a New Year broadcast he declared, "The net is slowly but surely closing around them."

Simultaneously, Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot campaign for union with Greece, was telling a vast congregation in church here that more "sacrifice" might be needed "before victory is achieved."

Neither the Governor nor the church leader gave any hint of an impending solution to the problem of Cyprus, where terrorists of the EOKA underground organization have for months been killing soldiers and bombing buildings.

The search for a political solution was not easy, Sir John said. Some people thought that if only Britain would agree to the application of self-determination tomorrow "we could ring the bells and all live happily ever after." But it was not as simple as that. It would be unrealistic to think Cyprus, Greece, Turkey and the world generally would be safer and happier if Britain suddenly abdicated her responsibility, for "there would be a very real danger of disaster" for Cyprus and her friends in the free world, the Governor warned.

Must Please All

A solution must be sought, he said, which was acceptable to Cyprus, Greece and Britain — whose Middle East defence headquarters are here — and to Turkey — whose people form a fifth of the island's population.

Archbishop Makarios, in his fiery 20-minute sermon at Nicosia's Ayios Cassianos Greek Church, declared that Cypriots would never accept any solution short of an assurance of self-determination, "no matter how much sacrifice it cost them."

He told the congregation of thousands that 1956 might bring still more sacrifice and tribulation "before victory is achieved." The Cypriots shouted back, "We are ready."

The Archbishop revealed that after the breakdown of his talks with Sir John Harding last October, he was invited to another meeting on November 21 — so far unannounced by either side — but agreement was not reached then either.

"At that meeting, Sir John Harding submitted a proposal which gave theoretical recognition to the Cypriots' right to self-determination, but its exercise was left dependent upon terms and conditions which made its achievement impossible," he said.

Amid shouts of "shame" he said that Cyprus has been turned into "one vast concentration camp."

As he was about to go from his throne to the altar to celebrate mass, a cloud of leaflets descended from a gallery packed with women and girls. They contained a New Year message from Dighenis, mystery leader of EOKA.

Calling for "even greater sacrifice" in 1956, they said "unarmed patriots" had in 1955 achieved many victories against armed British troops, and that bloodshed was inevitable in the "struggle for freedom."

About 135 Communist Party leaders detained at Dhekelia, near Larnaca, since the party was banned under the emergency regulations on December 14, were moved to Nicosia prison during the night following the escape of two men from Dhekelia recently.

Voroshilov to Attend Pieck Birthday Fete

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — President Klementi Voroshilov of the Soviet Union left Moscow for Berlin today to take part in the 80th birthday celebrations for President Wilhelm Pieck of East Germany next Tuesday.

The Soviet party also included the Soviet Ambassador to East Germany, Mr. Gregori Pushkin.

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Knesset to Hear B.-G., and Sharett On Israel Position

Jerusalem Post Staff

A comprehensive survey of Israel's security, military, and political position will open the foreign affairs debate in the Knesset which begins at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

It is understood that the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, will be the first speaker, and will confine himself to security and military matters. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, will follow with a statement on political issues, one of which will undoubtedly be the Government's reaction to the attack against Israel last week by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, before the Supreme Soviet in Moscow.

Approval for the two statements was given at the Cabinet's morning session yesterday, which was devoted almost exclusively to matters of foreign policy and security, and which summed up the foreign policy discussion that began after Mr. Sharett's return from abroad.

Mr. Sharett yesterday also reported on his meetings with the British and Russian Ambassadors on Friday and with the American Ambassador yesterday.

Draft Laws Approved

At a second session in the afternoon, the Cabinet approved several draft laws.

It also decided to publish a draft Water Law submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture before the bill is discussed by the Cabinet. This procedure was adopted because of the large number of persons affected by the proposed law and because of its vital nature.

The purpose of the bill is to regularize the use of water and to prevent waste. It sets up an authority with the right to distribute and to ration water and to fix water prices.

The Cabinet also approved a draft law authorizing religious courts to compel witnesses to appear under penalty of fine.

Another bill approved brings under the protection of the Tenants Protection Law tenants in houses leased by the Custodian of Absentee Property, whose original owners later returned to Israel. The bill follows a Supreme Court decision that such tenants were not protected by the present Law.

The Bill for the Settlement of Labour Disputes, which the Cabinet approved on November 27, 1955, was returned by a ministerial committee without changes.

The Cabinet also approved and referred to the Ministerial Economic Committee a bill to encourage saving. The bill authorizes the Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee, to reduce the income tax payable on dividends from bonds issued by essential economic enterprises and on interest from long-term savings.

The draft also permits the Minister, on behalf of the State, to guarantee bonds issued by certain enterprises.

The official communique:

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting approved the contents of the statements of the Prime Minister and of the Foreign Minister concerning foreign affairs and security, which are to be presented to the Knesset.

Draft laws were approved in connection with the Absentee Property Law, the Religious Courts Law (Summons to Court), the Cooperative Houses Law, the Law for the Settlement of Labour Disputes, and others.

It was decided to publish a draft Water Law before discussion in the Cabinet.

Greenwood Raps Israel On Kinneret Action

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — On the eve of his departure for Israel, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Labour M.P., has criticized Israel's attack on Syrian positions along Lake Kinneret last month.

Writing in the "Jewish Vanguard," the official organ of Poale Zion, he expressed understanding of Israel's difficulties regarding her control over the lake, but said that that was not the way to obtain Anglo-American help.

Eden, Gaitskell to Discuss Policy Towards Middle East

Arms Surplus Scandal Seen As Eden's Biggest Headache

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — The entire press is now in full cry over the arms scandal which promises to become the Government's biggest headache when Parliament reconvenes. The campaign is now being deliberately fed by the Labour leadership, in whose name Mr. Hugh Gaitskell last night expressed "grave concern" at Liverpool reports of further arms shipments to Egypt — reports which sent burly Mrs. Bessie Braddock, M.P., hurrying to the dockside to confer with the dockers whether to halt the shipment.

What aroused Mr. Gaitskell was that while the Foreign Office last night declared that no more licences were being granted for arms exports of more than 250 tons, military supplies, including tank parts, were being hurriedly loaded in Liverpool under a War Office consignment for Egypt.

Commenting on the shipment which is consigned to the "Director of Ordnance Services, Egyptian Army, Cairo," a War Office spokesman said, "This is not a surplus goods deal. It has nothing to do with private enterprise. This is strictly a deal between the British and Egyptian Governments. They have paid for these goods and we are delivering them as agreed."

This statement failed to impress opposition leaders, and Mr. Gaitskell promptly announced that Mr. Alfred Robens, Labour's "shadow" Foreign Secretary, after consultation with him, had telegraphed Sir Anthony Eden urging a ban on the export of war materials. Mr. Robens, who is now on his way to visit Israel, Jordan and Egypt, said before his departure last night, "I will take the opportunity of investigating this latest disclosure of surplus war material being supplied by Britain to Egypt."

Government's Defence

Meanwhile, the main lines of official defence are already becoming visible. Apart from elaborate attempts to lock the stable after the horse has gone, they fall into two categories. One suggestion is that Israel is also getting some material; secondly, there are hints that Egypt has obtained only third-rate equipment, useless for warfare.

On the first point, much is made of the reported crating of fighter plane engines on board the British cargo ship Richard Borchard destined for Tel Aviv, which according to a spokesman of the Israel purchasing mission here "will be used in Israel fighter planes."

Regarding the alleged uselessness of Egypt's new tank equipment, one widely quoted expert has issued the reassuring statement that since Egypt has few tank transports for bringing these vehicles close to the battleline, most of these tanks will break down *en route* or otherwise prove useless. Why Cairo should be unable to obtain transport equipment by the same means is unexplained.

Newspapers, even those normally supporting the Government, have not yet recovered from their surprise at Whitehall's apparent ignorance of this colossal leakage, and official declarations are currently being examined with growing scepticism.

Ambush Murderers Tracked to Jordan

Tracks of the marauding band who murdered two civilians and wounded another in an attack on a civilian jeep on the Eilat road on Friday were yesterday found to lead to the Jordan armistice line near Ein Hafira, south of Ein Hussub, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night.

The outgoing tracks of four men were discovered. U.N. Observers accompanied the Israel trackers in the search.

Today, the Jordanian authorities will resume the tracking on their side of the line.

Funeral in Beersheba

In Beersheba yesterday, shops closed and traffic came to a standstill as the funeral of 21-year-old Avraham Eretz-Kedosha, who was murdered in the ambush, moved through the streets of the town to the cemetery. The coffin was followed by thousands of people, many carrying wreaths from Beersheba's Persian community, the Public Works Department (by whom he was employed) and the Ministry of Labour.

At the graveside, the Rabbi of Beersheba and the regional manager of the Public Works Department, Mr. Y. Shoshani, eulogized the victim. Representatives of the Army, the police, the Municipality and the district authorities also attended the funeral.

Egyptian Unit is Ousted From Israel Territory

An Egyptian position yesterday directed automatic fire on an Israel military vehicle travelling within Israel territory in the Nitzana area, the Army spokesman announced. The fire was returned and the vehicle continued on its way with no casualties.

In the Ein Hashlosha area, an Israel patrol yesterday encountered Egyptian forces, which had crossed into Israel territory, the spokesman added. The Egyptians were supported by automatic and mortar fire from Egyptian positions across the border. The exchange of fire lasted for several minutes and the Egyptian force fled. Our forces suffered no casualties.

One civilian was killed and two others, one a woman, were wounded as a result of the exchange of fire in the Gaza area on Thursday, according to an ANA report yesterday from Gaza.

Burns Report Reveals More Of Israel's Side of Story

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — In its "News of the Week in Review" section, "The New York Times" noted today that more of Israel's side of the story has been told regarding the attack on Syrian positions along Lake Kinneret with the publication of the supplementary Burns report.

It is not clear what action the Security Council will take in the light of the new facts, but one guess is that there will be censure for both Israel and Syria, with the former coming in for the major blame, it was declared. But it was noted that this would not touch the heart of the problem — arranging peace between Israel and the Arab states.

Labour Seeks Soviet Help to Keep Peace

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The leader of the Labour Party, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, will tomorrow meet Prime Minister Eden to discuss arms shipments to the Middle East and to urge that Russia should be requested "formally and publicly" to help the Western powers maintain peace between Israel and the Arabs.

Mr. Gaitskell disclosed tonight that the Prime Minister had agreed to meet him tomorrow evening. He set out in his statement three other points in the Socialist view of Middle Eastern developments.

- "The increase of tension following the despatch of Czech arms to Egypt emphasizes the urgent need for a real peace settlement between Israel and her neighbours."
- Meanwhile, the tripartite — British, U.S. and French — declaration of 1950 remained "indispensable" to avert war and ensure "a fair balance of arms between Israel and the Arab states."
- Labour "seriously questions whether this balance is now being maintained."

The two recognized foreign affairs experts of the Labour "Shadow Cabinet," Mr. Alfred Robens and Mr. Kenneth Younger, will accompany their leader when he meets the Prime Minister tomorrow.

Mr. Gaitskell said the Labour leaders "believe that the British Government should take advantage of Marshal Bulganin's declaration that 1956 should see a further relaxation of international tension. In the light of this, the Western powers should now formally and publicly request the Soviet Union to join with them in seeking to maintain peace between Israel and the Arab states."

NICHOLLS LEAVES FOR FOREIGN OFFICE MEETING

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.—"I sincerely hope that good will result from the conference of British Diplomats in the Middle East, for the region as a whole and for Israel in particular," Sir John W. Nicholls, the British Ambassador, said before leaving here by Cyprus Airways *en route* for London.

(The Ambassador was awarded a K.C.M.G. in Queen Elizabeth's New Year Honours List—See Page 3, Column 7.)

Sir John said that the object of the conference was to acquaint the new Foreign Secretary with the current situation in the region and with prevailing official opinions. He added that to the best of his knowledge the British Ambassadors to the Lebanon and Syria were not participating in the conference.

While in London, the Ambassador will take the opportunity of seeing his children, and meeting foreign service colleagues. He was seen off by Mr. Peter Westlake, First Secretary at the Embassy.

JORDAN ADVANCES DATE OF ELECTION

The Jordan Government has decided to change the date for the general elections to April 15, according to the Jordan press yesterday. Last week, the election date was set for April 20.

It was reported that the Government has also decided to dissolve the Civil Servants Association because of its use as "a pro-Egyptian tool," its close ties with the rioters last month, and its proclamation of a general strike at that time.

The Cabinet announced that the Supreme Council which handles problems concerning the constitution, will meet today "for an interpretation of the law" in connection with charges that Parliament was illegally dissolved on December 19.

NO TITO OFFER TO MEDIATE

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — An official source said today that President Tito "did not offer to mediate" in the Arab-Israel dispute. He added that Premier Abdul Nasser expressed the Arab views on the problem and discussed them with the Yugoslav leader.

The Premier today conferred for two and a half hours with the British Ambassador, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, and tomorrow will meet with the American Ambassador, Mr. Henry Byroade, before they leave for their capitals for consultations.

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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Lord Leslie Hore-Belisha.

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Dr. S. Z. Cahana, Director-General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, the Haifa District Representative, Mr. Y. Bergman, and Dr. M. Mendes, Deputy Director of the Christian Division of the Ministry, yesterday called on Archbishop George Hakim, head of the Greek Catholic Church in Galilee, and Magr. Antonio Vergani the Representative of the Latin Patriarch in Israel, to greet them on the occasion of the New Year.

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Mrs. Lena Jeger, M.P., visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday.

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ARRIVALS: Aluf David Shaltiel, from Rio de Janeiro, on completion of his tour of duty as Minister to Brazil; Mr. Israel Greenstein, Assistant Income Tax Commissioner, from a three-month visit to England; Miss Marcelle Trillat, Director of the French Service for Social Assistance to Immigrants, on a three-week study tour on integration of immigrants, under the auspices of the U.N. Technical Assistance Programme.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. B. Stern, U.S. Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, after a 10-day visit as guest of the Bedek Aircraft Maintenance Company; Mr. J. Cates, of the Bedek Company, for Paris, to receive the U.S. Civil Aviation Department Licence.

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The Hon. Mr. Justice E. S. Henochsberg, and Mrs. Henochsberg, of Durban, South Africa, visited the Hebrew University yesterday, and were received by the President, Prof. Benjamin Mazar.

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Mr. Richard Crossman, M.P., will lecture on "The International Political Situation," under the auspices of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences — "The Hebrew University, at the Ratisbonne building, Hall 72, tonight at 8:30. Mr. Crossman is due to arrive in Israel from Jordan this afternoon via Mandelbaum Gate.

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Dr. Bruno Zevi, Professor of Architecture at the University of Venice, will lecture on "The Establishment of Modern Tradition in Architecture," under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University and the Association of Engineers and Architects, at the Terra Sancta building, Hall 23, tonight at 8:15.

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Dr. J. J. Finkelstein, of Yale University, will lecture on "Elam, Ashur and the Hurrians," under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at the Terra Sancta building, Hall 24, tonight at 8.30.

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Dr. S. Kelly, Medical Adviser to the Ministry of Justice, will address the Natanya Rotary Club on "Forensic Medicine" at Hotel Greenstein, Natanya, at 7.45 p.m. today.

COURTYARD OF RAMBAM TOMB "CLEANSED"

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The Rabbinate today ritually cleansed the courtyard around the tomb of Maimonides, following the discovery there of human skeletons in sarcophagi of the Byzantine period. The sarcophagi were found during the preparatory excavations for the construction of a Maimonides memorial.

About a dozen worshippers ringed the spot, read Psalms and begged the forgiveness of the dead for disturbing their slumber and for moving their bones to another resting palace.

The skeletons were buried outside the walls of the Jewish cemetery here. This was decided as a compromise, as it could not be determined whether the skeletons were those of Jews or non-Jews. It was thought that a spot outside the Jewish cemetery wall would meet the requirements of either.

The traditional pilgrimage to the tomb, which was to have taken place on Wednesday, has been postponed because of the excavations.

Young Cannibals Prey On Indian Children

NEW DELHI, Sunday (UP). — Police in five Indian States are investigating the activities of a gang of teen-age cannibals who have been preying on children in Northern India.

Fifteen shaggy "holy men" aged 14 to 18, with two older men identified as organizers of the gang, were arrested recently in Meerut. They were carrying the skulls of three children whom they admitted kidnapping and murdering. They also confessed to stealing and eating half-burned bodies from funeral pyres at the Tigri cremation ground.

The gruesome gang is regarded as a revival of the cult of the destroyer-goddess Kali, whose devotees murdered and robbed an estimated million persons in 200 years before British rule put an end to their activities early in the 19th century.

The Meerut prisoners are believed to be members of the Kali-worshipping Aghori sect, a band of murderers and grave-robbers who make drinking cups out of the skulls of their victims.

THE FIRST prize for ceramics products was awarded by the Haifa Municipality to the Lapid factory at the close of the Ceramics Exhibition in Haifa on Saturday night.

Plants May Be Growing on Mars

WASHINGTON (NANA). — A new blue-green area on the red face of Mars, believed to be living vegetation, has produced the greatest change in Martian geography since the planet was first mapped 125 years ago.

The discovery is announced in the National Geographic Magazine by Dr. E. C. Slipher, a distinguished astronomer and leader of the 1954 National Geographic-Lowell Observatory Mars expedition to photograph the planet from South Africa.

Last summer, as it will again this summer, Mars set off a world-wide study by spinning closer to the Earth than at any time since 1941. Results of its near approach are gradually being revealed by scientific scrutiny of thousands of photographs collected by an international Mars committee. Twenty thousand photographs were made by Dr. Slipher alone.

The new dark marking, covering approximately 500,000 square kilometres near the great Thoth Canal, was totally unexpected, according to the National Geographic Society. Never before has such a new dark splotch appeared except as an increase of an existing dark area.

The remarkable transformation, Dr. Slipher reports, indicates that the division between Martian desert and dark areas is not necessarily fixed or permanent; one may change to the other at any time. It helps support the conclusion that Mars is not a dead world, that the darkening is due to the growth of plant life.

Biologists suggest that this life may be akin to lichens that grow on Earth's barren rocks and mountain tops. To learn more, Dr. Slipher says, such plants may soon be grown in the laboratory under the physical and chemical conditions thought to exist on Mars.

From the photographic record that the Mars Committee made with special filters, cameras and lenses, other new features of Earth's neighbouring planet have been found. One is the existence of faint belts or bands in the atmosphere above the face of Mars, less distinct than those of Jupiter and Saturn, but indicating definite atmospheric circulation.

Because Mars is only half the Earth's size and thus has only feeble gravity its atmosphere is thinner than that at the top of Mount Everest. Very little, if indeed any, free oxygen remains and little water vapour. Yet brilliant blue-white clouds were seen, as well as gleaming polar caps and great "yellow clouds" of blowing dust.

With filters capable of piercing the violet haze of the Martian atmosphere, Dr. Slipher watched spring turn to summer on the red and green planet. The visible South Polar Cap warmed and slowly shrank. Green fringes formed along the edge of the retreating sheet of ice or hoarfrost. The great blue-green areas began to mark the orange-red desert surface—the so-called "Wave of Darkness" that is the strongest evidence that Mars is still a living planet.

"That these dark areas are vegetation and that the change in colours is somehow connected with release of water from the melting, shrinking, polar ice cap is no longer seriously doubted by most observers," Dr. Slipher notes. "In fact, all the various Martian markings betoken that it is a living planet, that life of some sort exists there."

1,093 Immigrants Come In s.s. Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — One thousand and ninety three immigrants — the 1,093rd born of the high seas on Friday night — arrived in the s.s. Jerusalem this morning. Almost all the newcomers are from North Africa. Nine came from Western Europe, one from Bulgaria and a family of three, including a baby, from Hungary. The family were in Sweden where they had been with relatives after they were allowed to leave Hungary earlier this year.

The 1,093rd arrival was Yerushalma Aserad, named after the ship in which she was born. She is the first child of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ya'acov Aserad. Mother and child, both doing well, were taken to Rambam Hospital here. The family is to settle in the Ta'anach area.

Among the North African immigrants was a group of 80 persons, all farmers, from Asmir village in the Atlas Mountains.

The majority of the newcomers was sent to development areas in various parts of the country. Forty-five joined *kibbutzim*, 55 children were sent to Youth Aliya institutions; 31 immigrants joined relatives; 11 left to live in Rassco-built rural housing for which they paid before immigration. Five persons were sent to the Sha'ar Ha'aliya camp.

Mr. J. Elbaum, a leader of the Keren Hayesod in the Saar, who also arrived, said that of the 420 Jews there, 60 contributed 4.5m. francs (about IL13,000) to the Fund's Israel Appeal during 1955. Mr. Elbaum was received by Mr. Y. Feldman, a customs official.

The Jose Torres' France-Espagne Ballet Company, which is to give 27 performances in a three-week tour of Israel, also arrived in the ship. They were brought by Messrs. Gillon and Ginzburg, the impresarios. The group has 10 dancers and four musicians.

Novomeysky Educational Centre for Youth in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Council has authorized Mayor Gershon Agron to open negotiations with Mr. M.A. Novomeysky, honorary president of the Dead Sea Works, and with the relevant Ministries on the establishment of an Educational Centre for Youth in Jerusalem. The Centre is to be named for Avraham and Haya Novomeysky, parents of Mr. Novomeysky.

At present, the plan calls for setting up the Centre within two years on a plot at the foot of Rehov Agrippas, near Hakirya. Mr. Novomeysky hopes to finish construction of the building within 15 months, but if it is not finished within two years, he will lose his right to the ground which belongs to the Development Authority.

Upon completion, the Municipality, against an annual payment of 100 pruta, will receive the building for 99 years. The Municipality must provide IL25,000 a year to maintain the Centre. If it fails to do this, the Centre will become the property of the Government.

The Centre will be run by a six-man Board of Governors, two of whose members will be selected by the Municipality, two by Mr. Novomeysky, and one each by the Ministries of Education and Culture, and Social Welfare.

Social Welfare Ministry Inherits Client's Store

Mr. Leon Benvenisti, a social case who was given a small dry-goods store as an aid to rehabilitation by the Jewish Agency and Malben, and who died a few weeks ago in the Tel Shomer Hospital, willed all his property to the Ministry for Social Welfare. In his will, which he prepared last October, he requested that the keys of his flat and the store be handed over to the Ministry.

Gilbert Murray At Ninety

England and many friends all over the world are marking today the 90th birthday of Professor Gilbert Murray, the greatest living authority on the literature and life of ancient Greece, and a fearless champion of human rights and international solidarity.

Born on January 2, 1866 in Sydney, as a son of the President of the Legislative Council of N.S. Wales, he came to England at the age of 11. In 1889, soon after completing his studies, he was appointed professor of Greek at the University of Glasgow.

From then on he enriched the world of classic learning with an incessant flow of publications, which include such works of lasting value as his "History of Ancient Greek Literature" (1897), "Five Stages of Greek Religion" (1913), and "Hellenism and the Modern World" (1953), as well as numerous translations of Greek classics. In 1941, the high distinction of the Order of Merit was conferred on him.

Not confined to his study, Gilbert Murray always took an active interest in politics, on the home front as well as in international affairs. One of the earliest supporters of the League of Nations, he pleaded the cause of international cooperation in many articles and addresses, a summary of which is to be found in "From League to United Nations" (1947). The tragedy of European Jewry moved him deeply, witness the historic letter which he wrote to "The Times," together with G.B. Shaw and others, in April 1943.

The impact of Murray's personality and work has been aptly expressed in an appeal for a special Fund, signed (among others) by Winston Churchill, Norman Angell, John Masefield, and the Lords Cecil, Russell and Samuel, who speak of "the countless men and women whose life Gilbert Murray has enriched, whose thoughts he has spoken, and whose consciences he has saved."

E.M.

SPEEDING LIST OF NAZIS' VICTIMS

To speed up the registration of the victims of the Nazi oppression in Europe, Yad Vashem has requested the various immigrants' organizations *(landsmannschaften)* to cooperate in the undertaking.

The Polish Immigrants' Association, the largest of these organizations, has promised to put its staff at the disposal of Yad Vashem. Representatives of 150 Polish communities recently met officials of Yad Vashem in Tel Aviv, and some of them expressed the opinion that the paucity of the questionnaires concerning relatives and friends who perished *(Dapei Ed)* so far filled in and returned to Yad Vashem, is owing to the inordinate number of questions to be answered. Some people think that they are obliged to answer all the questions, and if they do not know all the details, do not return the forms.

It was suggested that a simpler form with only two or three questions be issued, and it is hoped that hundreds of thousands of new names will thus be added to the records.

Similar gatherings of immigrants from Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece, Germany and Austria are shortly to take place.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 249, 33.3 & 49.9 M.

News: Hebrew, 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 p.m. & 12.00 midnight. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 5.45 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down. 11.00 "Milve Amami" Draw.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Aurelio Fierro (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Mozart: Divertimento No.10 in F-major K.247-3. Chausson: Poem for Violin & Orchestra. Weber: Overture "Der Freischutz" 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.30 Children's Hour. 4.45 "First Broadcast" — Jack Amon. 5.00 Re'Oholey Tora. 5.15 Youth Programme. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Concert by the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Schumann: Cello Concerto in A-minor op. 129. Conductor: Hanan Schles-nger. Soloist: Zvi Har-el. 7.45 Series of Lectures by Gad Frumkel. 8.00 "Curtain Up." 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Telling Tunes. 10.00 From the treasures of the Aggadah. 10.15 Chamber Music. Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in D-minor op. 49, played by Arieh Ablion, Izhak Braker & Yaacov Mense. 11.00 Requests for Light Music. 11.30 Music of Operettas and Films. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 460, 225, 236, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Ulpanim. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Music by Jeremiah Idelson. 7.00 Yiddish Programme.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Music by the S. African Composer, Jeremiah Idelson. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 216, 225 & 228 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.00 News. 7.10 "Limelight." 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Weekly Symphonic Concert: Chaikowsky, Mozart, Debussy. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.43, 16.90, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk. Echoes from the World.

Persitz Loses Two Games in Int'l Chess

HASTINGS, Sunday. — Raty Persitz, Israel chess star, lost two games to formidable opponents in the International Chess Congress here. On Friday, he lost to Ikov, of Yugoslavia, in 24 moves (Sicilian defence) after 3½ hours play. The Russian Taimanov was also too strong for the Israeli who lost after 28 moves, yesterday.

A 20-year-old Icelander continued to set the pace on Thursday, holding off the challenge of the strongly fancied Russian chess masters. F. Olaffson, who caused a sensation in the first round of the tournament with the defeat of the formidable Russian grandmaster M. Taimanov, recorded another victory.

Other scores at the end of the day were: M. Talmanov (Russia) and K. Darga (West Germany) 1½ points each; H. Golombek (Britain); R. Persitz (Israel) and J. A. Fuller (Britain) 1 point each; J. Penrose (Britain) and J. M. Del Corral (Spain) half a point each. **RESULTS: ROUND 1 — (Adjourned game)** Penrose (Britain) lost to Darga (West Germany) 68 moves. Sicilian defence, 4½ hours play; F. Olaffson (Iceland) beat Del Corral (Spain) 29 moves, King's Indian attack, 3½ hours play; Persitz (Israel) lost to Ivkov (Yugoslavia) 24 moves, Sicilian defence, 3½ hours play; Pearce (Britain) lost to Korchnoi (Russia) 34 moves, Sicilian defence, 4 hours play; Fuller (Britain) lost to Taimanov (Russia) 54 moves, Sicilian defence, 5 hours play; Golombek (Britain) and Darga (West Germany) adjourned at the 33rd move.

Yesterday, there were two Russian victories. V. Korchnoi, the Russian Master, who when play closed last night was equal with the young Icelander F. Olaffson with 2½ points, won his game before the lunch adjournment today. He beat B. Ivkov of Yugoslavia in 3½ hours flat after 36 moves. The other was when M. Taimanov (USSR) beat R. Persits (Israel).

'HEAVY FINES CAN STOP BUILDING VIOLATIONS'

"I see no solution to the problem of illegal building other than to impose such heavy fines that this type of building will be unprofitable," Magistrate Meir Murciano said last week in the Jerusalem Municipal Court.

He was imposing a IL500 fine on Ezra Yosef Levi, with the alternative of six weeks in jail. This is the highest fine ever imposed in the Municipal Court for a building violation.

Levi was found guilty in 1952 of constructing two apartments, each of two rooms, in the basement of a house in Rehov Henriette Szold. At the time, the Court ordered him to demolish the partitions which formed the rooms of the apartments and turn the space thus formed back into its original function of a shelter. He did not do this and was consequently tried for disobeying a court order.

Dancing on Your Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A club where young people can dance without ordering dinner or expensive drinks opened here last night. Called "Moadon Lanoar" and situated in Rehov Hayarkon opposite the Dan Hotel, it will be open nightly until 11 p.m. Non-alcoholic beverages and sandwiches are served at reasonable charges, while music for dancing is provided by a gramophone.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Female on the Beach.
EDEN: Betrayed, 2nd week. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: The Flame.
ORGIL: Lavender Hill Mob.
ORION: Desiree, 2nd week.
OPERA: Dragnet.
RON, The Green Scarf, 3rd week.
STUDIO: The Way of all Flesh.
TEL OR: Wings of the Hawk.
ZION HALL: Money from Home.

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: To Hell and Back.
CHEN: Monsieur Ripois, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: 14 Hours.
OPERA: "La Fonctionnaire." 3rd week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 8th week.
SHDEROTH: Roman Holiday.
TAMAR: Top Secret. Also matinees, continuous from 9.45 a.m.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage." 8th week. Mats., Captain Pirate.
YARON: Passport to Pimlico, 3rd week. Mats.: Riot in Cell Block 11
ZAMIR: "Furia." 6th week.

HAIFA
GAL OR: The Thing from Another World. Mats.: Are You With It.
AMPHITHEATRE: Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing, 2nd week.
ORAH: Unmarried Mothers, 2nd week.
ARMON: Passport to Pimlico.
EN DOR: The Egyptian.
ORLY: "Secrets d'Alcove."
MORIAH: The Knights of the Round Table.
ORION: Drum Beat.
ATZMON: Her Twelve Men.
MAY: Battle Cry, 4th week.
PEER: On the Waterfront, 2nd week.

British Soccer Moves into 1956

By KEITH BEECHER

British soccer ended on a hopeful note for 1955, attracting crowds of over 883,000 with a post-war record of just under 41,000 at Manchester, where leaders United beat neighbours, Manchester City, 2-1, to finish the year with a four points lead in Division I of the English League.

Blackpool stayed in second spot after collecting one point at Sunderland where the honours candidates drew 0-0. Luton Town, promoted from Division II last season, have revealed themselves as strong honours candidates and finished a successful Christmas programme with a 2-2 draw with Everton, which kept the "Hatters" in third place, five points behind the leaders. Burnley, who won 3-1 over Newcastle United, are fourth, level on points with Luton.

The shock of Saturday's card in the Division I was the first home defeat since Christmas 1954 of Wolverhampton Wanderers by Cardiff City 2-0, to avenge a 9-1 defeat at Ninian Park earlier this season. Close behind came the 4-4 result between Chelsea, reigning champions, and Portsmouth, after the "Pensioners" had 4-2 until just before the final whistle. Tottenham continued their recovery with a 2-... win away at Charlton, as Aston Villa beat Huddersfield Town, 3-0, and Sheffield United drew 2-2 with West Bromwich Albion. These results left Huddersfield footing the table, with Sheffield United next up, then 'Spurs and the Villa.

Leicester City were the only leading team in Division II to win, and with a 4-0 win over Lincoln City, moved into second place and raised their goal tally this season to 65, the highest of any team in the Leagues. Bristol Rovers spiked Sheffield Wednesday's guns with a 4-2 home win, but the Wednesday still lead in the promotion race. Bristol City lost 2-1 at Leeds, who, together with Swansea Town, who were held to a 0-0 home draw by Port Vale, lie third-fourth. Liverpool's fine run was stopped by visiting Blackburn Rovers who won 3-1. The promotion struggle in this section is still wide open with a few points separating the first dozen sides.

Leyton Orient continued their promotion aim with a 3-0 win over Southend, with Ipswich Town, 1-0 winners at Swindon; Brighton and Hove Albion 3-0 victors at Aldershot; and Torquay United, who beat visiting Exeter City, 3-1, all in close chase. In the Northern section, the neck and neck race between Grimsby Town and Accrington Stanley continues. Grimsby won 1-0 at Tranmere as the Stanley beat Stockport 2-1 in an away date, leaving the former one point ahead with Accrington a game in hand.

In the Scottish Leagues, the headlines were captured by Third Lanark in Division B, with a 9-0 stam-

More Week-end Results

HANDBALL: FIRST DIVISION: Rehovot Macc. 10, Hatnufim Macc. 5; Rehovot Hap. 9, Rishon Macc. 7. Merhavia Hapoel won the Rehovot Memorial Cup competition by beating Afikim Hapoel by two games to nil in the final, in which the seven best Hapoel teams in the country participated.

TABLE TENNIS: NORTHERN LEAGUE: Haifa Hap. 5, Petah Tikva Macc. 2.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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Pirie, Sportsman Of Year, Slams Press

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Gordon Pirie, the English middle distance runner, was judged "Sportsman of the Year" by a national ballot organized by the sports weekly "Sporting Record." Miss Pat Smythe, the country's leading woman show jumper, was 11th in the general poll and was chosen sports woman of the year for the third successive time. Pirie was later chosen as television sportsman of the year and awarded a replica of a TV camera as a trophy.

After being presented with a sporting record trophy by Mr. Ian MacLeod, Minister of Labour and National Service, Pirie launched into an attack on the press. He mentioned the Newspaper Sports Writers Association, who as their Sportsman of the Year had mentioned John Disley, the international steeplechaser, and said that the sports writers had omitted Don Cockell, the British heavyweight boxing champion and champion and him (Pirie) from their list of leading sportsmen.

Pirie said, "Fleet Street has done immeasurable damage to British sport and a few unkind words will inflict more damage than they realize. I hope they will be kinder in the future."

(The first six placings in the sports writers' list when they named their leading sportsmen last October were: Peter May (England cricket captain), Cliff Morgan (Welsh rugby union international), Brian Hewson (athlete), Stanley Matthews (soccer international), and Norma Shiel (cyclist) and Stirling Moss (racing motorist). Shiel and Moss were joint sixth).

In yesterday's sporting record ballot the top six were: Gordon Pirie, Chris Chataway, John Disley (all athletes), Billy Wright (England soccer captain) Brian Hewson and Stirling Moss.

I.O.C. Condemn Point Scoring of Games

LAUSANNE, Sunday (Reuter). — The International Olympic Committee has addressed a letter to all National Committees, condemning in the strongest terms the scoring of points for performances in the Olympic Games in an effort to show political or social superiority in different countries.

The letter, signed by Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the I.O.C., and Mr. Otto Mayer, Chancellor, contains a statement which will be included in a new edition of the Olympic rule book which is about to be published.

This statement said: "The Games are not and must not become a contest between nations, which would be entirely contrary to the spirit of the Olympic movement, and would surely lead to disaster. Normal national pride is perfectly legitimate, but neither the Olympic Games nor any other sporting contest can be said to indicate the superiority of one political system over another. One of the objects of the Olympic Games is to build international goodwill, and efforts made to pit one nation against another in this or any other manner must be severely censured."

The statement declares that there is no official score of nations and tables of points are really misinformation because they are entirely inaccurate. To be correct they would have to be graded since it would certainly be unfair to give the same number of points to the winner of the marathon, or the decathlon, and a winning gymnast, yachtsman or football team.

"To be fair," the statement continues, "the factor of population should be considered and if careful analysis were made it would be discovered that many small nations have won far more Olympic medals, on a per capita basis, than the big countries."

The letter concludes with an appeal to all National Olympic committees to do everything in their power to discourage publication of points scoring tables "which are quite worthless."

Notices to the Public

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Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Fukorny, "Nora Studio," Art Gallery, 9 Sderot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 3-6.
1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. 3) Paintings by Yvette Kazupak-Thomas, Exhibit of the Month: A Hanukka lamp (silver repoussé) 17th Century, Augsburg. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-5.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.
Permanent archaeological exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Also temporary Exhibition of objects found in Caesarea. Visiting hours: Sundays—Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-5 p.m. Fridays and eves of holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
1) Oil Paintings and Drawings by Yona Mach. 2) Drawings and Woodcuts by Jacob Pins. 3) Selection of Japanese Prints from Jacob Pins' collection, Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Lectures:—
Lady Gertrud Williams, lecturer of Social Economics at the University of London and Head of the Sociology and Economics Department of Bradford College, London, on "Woman's Place is Where?" (in English). Beit Hahalutzot, Rehov Ibn Gabirol, 8 p.m. (under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Welfare).
Mr. Yohanan Zaral on "Gide." Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi 8.30 p.m.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions: —
"Maskit" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Watercolours by Shimahon Holzman and paintings by Ephirs Ilin. New acquisitions by the Museum, Tel Aviv Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Last week of Autumn Exhibition at the Art Pavilion of the Painters and Sculptors Association, 9 Rehov Alharizi, daily 10-1, 4-7 except Fridays.

★ Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor" New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea" Habimah, 8 p.m.
Ohel—Haifa, "R.U.R.," 8 p.m.
Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer: "The Singing Blacksmith," Ohel Shem, 8.45 p.m.

★ Folk Dancing:—
Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. Including American Square Dancing.

AFULA

★ Theatre:—
Kopl Kve Vert a Tate—Yiddish Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

KFAR SABA

★ Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," 8.15 p.m.

KFAR YEHOSHUA

★ Theatre:—
Chamber Theatre, "The Good Soul of Szechuan," 8 p.m.

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★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "Tandre the Hero" 8 p.m.

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OUTLOOK: Fair.

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Mt. Cana'an	78	6	23	15
Tiberias	71	10	20	22
Haifa Port	64	10	19	20
Natanya	65	9	20	22
Tel Aviv Kirya	66	—	19	21
Tel Aviv Port	67	10	13	19
Lydda Airport	62	5	19	20
Jerusalem	76	7	14	16
Beersheba	69	8	19	21
Eilat	61	9	20	23

"A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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RAINFALL

	For week Dec. 25—31 (in mm.)	Total for Aug. 1 — Dec. 31 (in mm.)
Mt. Cana'an	3.6	371.4
Acre	11.2	421.0
Tiberias	4.7	282.9
Hefsi-ba	4.4	312.1
Ramat David	6.7	310.1
Mishmar Ha'emek	4.7	302.7
Mount Carmel	13.3	462.8
Haifa Port	5.8	409.6
Natanya	29.8	442.0
Ramat Hakovesh	11.3	420.0
Ramatayim	8.9	468.8
Tel Aviv Port	4.0	381.6
Tel Aviv Kirya	6.3	402.4
Lydda	5.8	406.5
Rehovot	5.4	404.2
Ekron	7.1	423.4
Jerusalem	1.3	211.7
Dorot	6.3	360.4
Sa'ad	5.0	389.7
Tel Re'im	7.0	186.6

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A TOTAL of 792,424 crates of citrus fruit have been exported to 16 countries from the beginning of the season to December 31. Of these, 542,321 crates were Shamuti-type oranges, 174,243 were grapefruit, 68,229 were lemons and 7,831 were tangerines. England was the biggest customer, taking 341,154 crates.

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SWARMS of pink locusts settled yesterday in the fields of the Jordan Valley and at Migdal, near Tiberias, covering several hundred dunams. The warm weather does not seem to agree with the locusts, who are feeding poorly as a result and therefore are doing little damage.

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PHARMACISTS EMPLOYED by the State and public institutions will stage a one-day strike tomorrow in protest against the Histadrut's failure to fix a new wage scale for pharmacists as for other academic professions, the State-Employed Pharmacists Organization announced yesterday.

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THE JERUSALEM Beit Ha'am Association expects to clear about IL10,000 from the gala dinner at the King David Hotel last week. A final reckoning is being delayed since additional contributions are still coming in from persons who could not attend, including Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

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HANHEL has recently published an eight-page printed bulletin called "Shikum" containing articles on medical and social questions related to the treatment of infantile paralysis.

LABOUR COUNCIL ROOMS BROKEN INTO

KFAR SABA, Sunday. — Mapam members were this evening reported to have broken into the offices of the local Labour Council and to have attacked a member of Ahdut Ha'avoda, smashed the furniture and created a disturbance. The police were called in by the secretary of the Labour Council to restore order.

The quarrel is said to have arisen out of a labour dispute between the two parties over the post of secretary of the local Agricultural Workers Union, which the Labour Council allotted to Ahdut Ha'avoda after the recent Histadrut elections. Mapam had the post until now.

Government Tells Haifa To Prepare Air Raid Shelters

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The security authorities have instructed the Municipality to order owners of dwellings and factories to construct air raid shelters and to build them itself for the city's public buildings, Mayor Abba Khoushy told the Municipal Council this evening. He called on the councillors, including those of the Opposition, to prepare an emergency programme for debate at the next Council meeting a week from today.

No school in the city has a shelter, he said, and the Government will not pay for the preparations. "We have no one to call upon for help but ourselves and not a single day must be lost," the Mayor warned.

Mr. Khoushy presided over the first Council session today since his return from the U.S. where he campaigned for the Bond Drive. He was in a grave, determined mood. He estimated the total cost of preparations for an emergency at IL1,300,000 of which the shelters alone will cost up to IL700,000. The shelters had to be cut into the living rock almost everywhere. The rest of the money will go for the emergency water supply, for first aid facilities, medical supplies and for the needs of the civil air defence.

A survey is already being made, the Mayor said.

Project Approved

A work relief project, by which 250 jobless are to be given employment until the end of April and another 80 in May until mid-July, was outlined by the Mayor and speedily approved. The Government no longer gives grants to the three large municipalities for this purpose, the Mayor said. Instead, it offered Haifa a IL300,000 bank loan at 6½ per cent interest for 12 years. The city has urged that the loan be increased to IL328,000 repayable after 15 years, and wants the loan direct from the Government. With city funds and credits from contractors, together totalling IL480,000, a programme has been drawn up whose main item is the widening of one kilometre of the Tel Aviv highway outside the Sha'ar Ha'aliya camp.

Mr. S. Jungman (Herut) severely criticized the city administration for what he termed its failure to attract new, employment-providing industries and blamed the "failure" on the lack of encouragement to foreign investors. He regretted that the Mayor had brought no such investments back with him from the U.S.

The Mayor replied that two Jews from Montreal have offered to finance 55 per cent of a 100-unit housing project, and when the plan materialised, it might relieve unemployment which in Haifa is caused mainly by the weak building industry. He had also negotiated with interested circles for the establishment of a petro-chemical industry here and he has already requested the Government to ask two American companies to prepare plans for such a project. The main difficulty in attracting investments is the current crisis in the Middle East, the Mayor said.

The city administration is now preparing a by-law which will require every house owner, or owner of a flat in a cooperative house, to plant and maintain a garden outside his home, or if he does not wish to undertake it himself, to have it done at his expense by the Municipality.

THE SCHOOL YEAR of the Faculty of Journalism in the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics was opened last night with a lecture by Mr. Dan Pines of "Davar" on The Structure of a Newspaper."

Storm on Procedure In J'lem Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The question of procedure — routing all matters through committees before submission to the Council for approval — last night touched off the stormiest session of the Jerusalem Municipal Council since it took office.

Mayor Gershon Agron stated several times that all the items under discussion had already been approved by the relevant committees, although this was denied by Mr. A. Axelrod (Herut) who led the attack. Mr. Axelrod at one point threatened to call for the intervention of the Ministry of Interior by appealing to Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, the Jerusalem District Commissioner.

The subjects under discussion were passed by the Council against the opposition of Herut. They included: diverting IL40,000 from the funds for building two Government schools (IL30,000 from the Geulim school and IL10,000 from the Nahlat Ahim school) to lay the foundations for the Beit Ya'acov school of the Agudat Yisrael. This will leave IL150,000 for Nahlat Ahim and IL98,000 for Geulim.

Approved and Cancelled

This allocation was approved by the Kariv administration but later was cancelled by the Jerusalem Special Commission.

The Council earlier decided:

- to make provision in the 1956/57 budget for several university scholarships;
- to inform owners of private kindergartens that they would be freed from paying the business tax if they submitted to Municipal supervision;
- To allocate IL15,000 to construct 40 living units in the Monastery of the Cross for families evacuated from dangerous houses;
- to ask the Town Treasurer and the Director of the Education Department to raise IL15,000 needed to bring the Municipality's contribution for Agudat Yisrael schools from 67 to 100 per cent;
- and to exempt the Bezalel National Museum from paying rates and garbage collection tax, but to continue to charge the property tax, as it is paid by the building's owners, and not by the Museum.

As part of its public works programme, some 65 workers have been given employment by the Municipality. In a few days, the number will be increased to 100, the Deputy Mayor, Mr. H. Ish-Shalom, reported to the Council. The report was an addition to the original agenda.

Agreement was reached yesterday with the Ministry of Labour on the employment of an additional 50 building workers to lay roads and sidewalks in border areas and in the suburbs. The work will be financed in part by the Municipality.

J'lem Streets Closed

Owing to repairs to be carried out by the Palestine Electric Corporation, two streets in the Capital will be closed to traffic during part of this week. Rehov Sonnenfeld in Beit Yisrael Quarter will be closed from today until Thursday, while Rehov Meah Shearim from the Sha'arei Pina Quarter to Musrara will be closed on Thursday. Buses No. 11 and 3 will be rerouted via Rehov Yoel, Malchei Yisrael, Strauss, Street of the Prophets and Rehov Haraw Kook.

HERUT LABOUR GROUP WILL NOT DISBAND

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The small Herut-sponsored independent municipal employees organization decided here tonight not to disband. It also decided not to accept the invitation to join the committee set up last week to work out measures which would restore exclusive recognition to the Histadrut-affiliated Municipal Employees Association. The committee is headed by Mr. A. Wertheim, head of the Labour Relations Division of the Labour Ministry.

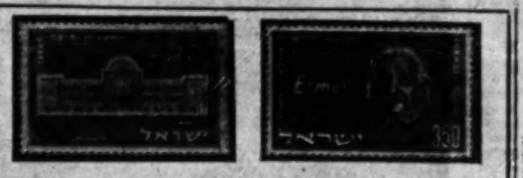
It was decided that a delegation would call on the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, tomorrow to tell him that "the existence of the independent organization could not be ignored."

U.K. FIGHT PROMOTER SETTING UP OFFICE HERE

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Britain's leading fight promoter, Jack Solomons, plans to set up an office in Tel Aviv for the promotion of various sporting events. He will leave for Israel in February, together with Lew Burston, his New York representative.

The invitation to Mr. Solomons came from Mr. Shlomo Adiz, a leading Israel sports authority, who said he wanted the promoter to run a new 35,000-seat stadium in Tel Aviv, and to bring Israel boxers to England.

Meanwhile, the British Workers Sports Association, which is composed of trade unionists, plans to send 100 British sportsmen to Israel next May to participate in an international sports festival marking the 30th anniversary of Hapoel.



Two Stamps — one commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Technion in Haifa and the other in memory of the late Albert Einstein, which will be on sale starting tomorrow in all post offices and at the Philatelic Services, 132 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv. Both 350 pruta issues were designed by G. Hamori of Tel Aviv.

Mekorot Offers to Buy Jerusalem Water System

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Water should be brought to Jerusalem by a sole authority which should be in charge of all installations and apparatus, a Mekorot spokesman said here today, commenting on the negotiations between the company and the Jerusalem Municipality for the transfer of the city's rights.

In line with this, the company has made three proposals to the city: first, to buy the Municipal installations; second, to buy part of the Municipal installations up to Eshtaol, which will enable Mekorot to guarantee the water supply to the Corridor settlements and would also eliminate the "peculiar situation," whereby Mekorot sells water to the Municipality at the pumping station in the Corridor and then buys it back at Eshtaol in order to supply Corridor consumers. The third possibility is that the Municipality lease its installations to Mekorot.

The spokesman declared that according to the Municipality, the water rate at Romema now stands at 180 pruta per cubic metre. Mekorot will guarantee to sell it at Romema and Bayit Vagan at 127 pruta. This will save the Municipality a IL300,000 annual deficit, or alternatively the price of water could be reduced.

Mekorot is not considering a partnership with the Municipality, as this would only be detrimental to the smooth running of the supply, he said. In any case, the Municipality does not have the funds to invest in such an authority, and the subsequent result would be the raising of water prices, not reduction.

A partnership would also fail to reduce the existing manpower, which Mekorot deems to be much too high. The original proposal to take over the supply did not come from Mekorot but was recommended by committees set up by the Ministry of Interior some time ago, he said.

Bank Leumi Raises Interest on Loans

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Bank Leumi has raised the interest rate on loans from 8 to 9 per cent starting today, the Bank announced. Only in special circumstances will the 8 per cent rate be granted. But for the time being, it will be charged for special loans.

The Bank's spokesman stated that it has been obliged to take this step in order to compete with other banks that exact higher interest rates than the permitted maximum. This enables them to pay higher rates to their account holders, while the Government has refused to enforce the operation of the Interest Law.

Report on Kishon Port Completed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Inter-Departmental Committee, appointed by the Minister of Transport last summer to consider and report on the Kishon Port's development, has completed its deliberations and submitted its recommendations to the Minister, the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Y. Kling, told a press conference yesterday.

The Committee, headed by Mr. Y. Salomon, a Haifa advocate, and comprising representatives of the Haifa Municipality and the Ministries of Transport, Agriculture, Commerce and Industry and Finance, handed its report to the Minister during his visit to Haifa on Thursday. For the time being, none of the recommendations is being made public, Mr. Kling said.

Among the subjects studied by the Committee were the completion of the fishing wharf, the building of a shipyard with facilities for the floating dock, the setting up of a free zone and the adaptation of the 4,000-dunam Kishon Port as an auxiliary port for Haifa. Thus far, part of the breakwater has been built and a good stretch of the 6.5-metre-deep channel dug. Two sulphuric acid storage tanks of 900 ton capacity each have been erected near the mouth of the channel.

Priority to Wharf

The chief problem before the Committee was how to get the quickest return out of the IL2,850,000 already invested in the installations, Mr. Kling stated. At the moment there can be no question of financing the overall programme, expected to run into many more millions, but only of some interim arrangement which will permit the facilities to be exploited in part, he said.

Priority, for instance, is expected to be given to the fishing wharf in order to clear Haifa Port of the trawlers now occupying valuable harbour space. They will probably be transferred to the Kishon even before cold storage facilities are available in the new port.

Another case is the civil airport which is entirely in the Kishon Port area. Alternate arrangements, likely to be made north of the Krayot, will add another heavy burden to the Kishon Port's development budget. The Bayside Land Corporation's industrial compound is another victim of the new port's land requirements. The shortcut from the town to the Krayot, which formerly served the compound, having been cut off by the new channel. An alternate road will have to be built, probably skirting the port area, Mr. Kling reported.

Doctors May Renew Go-Slow Strike

Unless the Government honours the agreement on salaries reached three months ago with the State-employed physicians in the Public Committee headed by Mr. Z. Aranne, then Minister without Portfolio, the doctors will renew the go-slow campaign, the Central Committee of the Medical Association decided on Friday.

A conference has been called for Wednesday to consider the matter.

Tel Aviv to Cut Down Its Purim Festivities

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Purim celebrations in Tel Aviv this year will probably not be as lavish as last year's Adloyada, Mr. Moshe Halevy, Director of the Ohel Theatre and head of the Municipal Adloyada Office told *The Jerusalem Post* today. The final decision will be taken by the Municipal Council's Finance Committee on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Halevy said that shortage of funds and the security situation will make this year's celebration more modest. Purim will still be the gay and festive holiday that tradition demands but without the organized, large-scale parades through the streets.

There is no thought of making Purim less of a holiday for children, Mr. Halevy stated. A wide variety of entertainment for them in schools and other public places will be planned. Neither was there reason to expect that the streets will not be decorated for the festival or that the usual range of parties will not be held.

SINCE THE Amidar Immigrants Housing Company began allowing tenants to buy their flats two-and-a-half years ago, nearly 10,000 have taken advantage of the scheme, it was announced yesterday in Jerusalem. Amidar has decided that the 10,000th tenant will be freed from making the first payment of one-third of the flat's value.

Histadrut Studying Unemployment

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut Central Committee today began its discussion of the general increase in unemployment. The discussion centred on ways of recruiting funds for the Histadrut's Employment Fund, the transition from relief work wages to normal wages and the delay in paying temporary workers. The secretariat of the Fund was instructed to study these problems in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and the Central Labour Exchange.

The Labour Federation's Secretary General, Mr. M. Namir, described his recent trip to the U.S. On the invitation of the Histadrut Campaign in the U.S., the meeting decided to send Mr. Y. Burstein to America for two months to work for the drive.

Mr. Y. Haskin will deputise for the Secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, Mr. Z. Oun, who is ill.

4,000 Said Members Of Elderly Workers Group

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — More than 4,000 members have already enrolled in the Elderly Workers Organization, "a non-political body open to everybody," Mr. I. Kornitzer, its general secretary told the press here this morning.

Mr. Kornitzer said there were many instances of whole families being employed, often in the Government or the National Institutions, while elderly people were unable to find a job. He called for the establishment of a public committee which would endeavour to persuade the labour exchanges and employers to find work for these capable persons who were being discriminated against because of their age.

Employers were interested only in young workers, and those who were over 45-50 years of age were practically unemployable, he said.

Mr. Y. Yambor, Tel Aviv Municipal Councillor, suggested that the Municipality establish a market and make the stalls available only to elderly workers. He said, "we should realize that we are all of us potential members of the organization," and asked for support to assist it in preventing these people from becoming a social and national burden.

KEDMAH ARRIVES FROM GERMANY

HAIFA, Sunday. — The latest addition to Israel's merchant fleet, a ship bearing the name of the fleet's first vessel — s.s. Kedmah — arrived here on her maiden voyage from Germany, via Holland, Belgium and the U.K. this afternoon. She brought 3,919 tons of general cargo from those countries.

The 4,400-ton ship has a speed of 14.5 knots and is equipped to carry citrus fruit. She will ply the North European route. The vessel is under the command of Captain Aryeh Spiegelman and has a 33-man crew.

NEW SCIENCE QUARTERLY MAKES APPEARANCE

The Weizmann Science Press of Israel has published the first number of "Madda" (Science), a new popular scientific quarterly.

Produced on fine art paper and with many illustrations in full colour, the first issue contains articles by leading authorities on such topical subjects as "The Exploitation of Sun Energy," by Dr. Henry Tabor, "Bilharzia" by Dr. Michael Davis and a contribution on "Science and Knowledge," by Prof. Y. Leibowitz.

An introduction by Prof. Benzion Dinur sets the tone of the publication, which is edited by Mr. S. Hestrin and Prof. E. Katchalski of the Weizmann Institute.

KOL YISRAEL'S Arabic evening programme has been extended from 30 to 60 minutes — from 5.45 to 6.45 p.m. daily.

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Nicholls Knighted

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — John Nicholls, the British Ambassador to Israel, becomes a Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (K.C.M.G.) in Queen Elizabeth's New Year Honours List to be published here tomorrow.

This means he will in future be called Sir John Nicholls. The order is one of the most important in British Chivalry.

A Companionship of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (C.M.G.) is awarded to Adderich Parkes, British Ambassador in Saudi Arabia. A similar honour is conferred on Mr. George Sinclair, Deputy Governor of Cyprus, and on Mr. John Peck, Counsellor, Political Officer with the Middle East Forces, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Other awards of interest to the Middle East are:

Knight Commander, Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) — Lt.-Gen. Richard Hull, who has been general officer commanding British troops in Egypt.

Commander, Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) — Mr. Arthur Edgecombe, lately Secretary General of the Jordan Development Board.

The Queen also honoured the British detective story writer Agatha Christie (C.B.E.), Miss Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina of the Sadler's Wells Ballet group (Dame of the British Empire), and Mr. Rudolf Bing, the Vienna-born American manager of the New York Metropolitan Opera (C.B.E.).

Among the four persons elevated to the peerage was Dr. Cyril Garbett, the Archbishop of York, who died on Saturday. He was informed that he would be elevated to baron a week before his death. Col. John Jacob Astor, Chairman of "The Times," became a peer. One of the three baronets named was Col. Charles E. Ponsonby, Sir Anthony Eden's former parliamentary private secretary.

Vandals Damage Bronx Synagogue

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA).— Damage to the extent of thousands of dollars was reported by a Bronx synagogue after it had been desecrated by vandals twice within two days. Rabbi David Savitz of the Congregation Brith Shalom said he had no choice but to believe that the vandalism was motivated by religious hatred.

The first raid resulted in the breaking of religious articles as well as the tearing of holy scrolls and books into shreds. Window panes were broken, and walls and ceilings were damaged. In the second visit there was even more damage done. Openly weeping, Rabbi Savitz said, "I have lost my faith in mankind."

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Cables in Brief

POPULATION. — The population of the U.S. was estimated at 168,700,000 at the start of the New Year, the Census Bureau reported yesterday. This is an increase of 13,600,000 since 1950.

ANTI-POLIO. — A total of 1[illegible] million American children were inoculated against polio in 1955 in the offensive against the crippling disease, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis reported yesterday.

Spain Behind Schedule In Building U.S. Bases

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — The U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Mr. John Lodge, said today that Spaniards building American military bases has been falling behind their immediate schedule, but they could catch up.

In an interview with Mr. Kenneth Keating, a Republican member of the House, recorded for television, Mr. Lodge said that the delays did not mean that they would not meet their target date — 1957.

The Ambassador stated the U.S. aid to Spain was "speeding along now" after a few minor delays. He predicted a huge increase in American tourist travel to Spain due to the presence of American personnel there.

He thought that Spain was a "strategic and spiritual forteress" and an effective ally against Communism.

Copts Rap Egypt's Abolition of Tribunals

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Egypt's two million Christian Coptic community today joined in the recent Roman Catholic protest against the Government's action in abolishing Sharia and non-Moslem religious tribunals.

A pastoral letter signed by the senior member of the Coptic Holy Synod read from the pulpits of churches throughout Egypt this morning told congregations that the Christmas midnight mass due to be held on January 7 under the Coptic calendar would be abandoned. Coptic priests were ordered to leave their churches and go to monasteries for a three-day fast.

MAN FOUND HANGING FROM ROPE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A 40 year-old man was found hanging from a rope in a storeroom in his home at Rehov Brandeis here last night. The police report that the man had been missing from his home for several hours.

Members of his family, who feared for his life owing to his emotionally depressed condition, found him after a search and informed the police.

The body has been taken to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kebir. *(Itim)*

Ada Nemana, 50, a veteran nurse at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, was killed yesterday noon when she fell off the roof of a building in Rehov Bezalel. She died instantly, and the body was taken to the Hadassah morgue.

The police are investigating the circumstances of her death.

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Anti-Israel Bias Found In UNESCO Publications

Discrimination against Israel in UNESCO publications was the main topic discussed at the meeting of the local UNESCO Committee in Jerusalem last week.

Many of the participants expressed their appreciation of the aid that Israel is receiving from the U.N. body, particularly under the Technical Assistance Programme, but this did not alter the fact that there have been many instances of flagrant bias against Israel in a number of publications put out by this supposedly non-political body, the official communique stated.

Examples mentioned included the elimination of the name of Israel from the annual report on technical assistance in the Middle East; the publication of an anti-Israel propaganda article on the Arab refugees in the organization's monthly organ, "The Courier," and the exclusion of material on Israel cultural activities from the report on the Middle East prepared for the Conference on Intercultural Relations.

The Committee resolved to bring this unsatisfactory state of affairs to the attention of the organization's director-general.

It was also decided to enlarge the Committee from 41 to 50 members, so as to permit a broader representation and include additional scientific and educational institutions.

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24th World Zionist Congress To Debate Israel's Security

By S. J. KREUTNER

THERE exists but one forum where the elected representatives of Jews in Israel and in other lands can deliberate matters of common interest: the Zionist Congress, an early session of which became a necessity with the conclusion of the Czechoslovak-Egyptian arms deal.

It is well known that not only Zionists but almost all of the world's Jews are conscious of the decisive role that the State of Israel is fulfilling in respect to their own spiritual and physical survival, and it is quite unnecessary to stress to responsible Jews the consequences of any genuine threat to Israel's existence. What was required was a full-scale "parliamentary debate," to evaluate the situation and decide on action.

In accordance with the constitution of the World Zionist Organization, the Congress meets every third year. The General Council, also known as the Actions Committee — a body elected by the Congress to deliberate and pass resolutions during the period between congresses — has the right to postpone the convening of the next Congress (for not more than a year) by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present. The present Council made use of this right to put off the 24th Congress which, in accordance with the Constitution should have been held in 1954.

But 1955, too, was found unsuitable for holding the Congress, mainly owing to the fact that it was election year in Israel. It became necessary to make use of an emergency provision of the Constitution — Article 80 — which permits the Executive of the Organization to propose and the General Council to confirm an exception to the Constitution "in case unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances make it necessary to deviate from the provisions of the Constitution." At last it was resolved that the 24th Congress should convene in Jerusalem on July 11, 1956.

Then came the Czech arms deal. It would have been possible to convoke an Extraordinary Congress immediately, but under the Constitution, such a meeting would be composed of the delegates of the last Congress. Since four years had passed, it was felt preferable to follow the regular procedure and have an ordinary Congress with its duly selected representative delegations.

Between February and July

July 11 was considered too late for action. The earliest possible date was February, since a good deal of time is required to complete the distribution of *shkalim*, the tokens of organized and paying membership in the World Zionist Organization, that give holders the right to vote in the elections to the Congress. The total number of *shkalim* distributed determines the total number of Congress delegates; the number of *shkalim* distributed in any one country determines the number of delegates from that particular country, and only then can elections take place.

There were other factors that militated against convening the Congress in February, as the Speaker of the Knesset and Chairman of the Zionist General Council, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, for instance, would have had it. Israel's many Jewish and non-Jewish friends in the U.S. and other countries have on their own initiative launched a series of activities intended to relieve Israel's economic problems. These fund-raising activities will be at their peak during February and March, 1956. Zionist leaders cannot easily leave their respective countries in the midst of these campaigns, while their presence is of urgent necessity. This was stressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Zionist Executive in New York, on his recent brief visit to Jerusalem. As a result, the new date that was fixed for the 24th Congress was April 11 — an advance of exactly three months.

It should be borne in mind that the conditioning of the Zionist Congress bind no one except the World Zionist Organization, and that its only instrument is the goodwill and the determination of its members. In the past, these have proved formidable. But there are other limitations. The Congress cannot be fully representative, since no delegates can be expected from Soviet Russia with its more than two million Jews, the other Iron Curtain countries, or the Arab countries. Delegates will obviously have to take into account the policies and even the moods of their respective Governments — and the moods of their respective Jewish communities.

Hectic days are now facing those responsible for the actual convening of the Congress, as well as the many constituencies of the Organization. The 23rd Congress, held in Jerusalem in 1951, was attended by 443 delegates, representing 2m. holders of *shkalim* in 58 countries or 38 electoral districts. Only two delegations, those of Israel and the U.S., consisted of more than 100 members: 185 and 121 respectively. The delegations of Argentina and Canada were made up of 13 members each, while Great Britain and South Africa followed with 10 each. All other delegations were smaller. Five included five to nine members; 14 were made up of two, three, or four members; and 13 consisted of one single delegate.

Little Polling

It will not be known until the end of the month how many *shkalim* have been distributed since the 23rd Congress. In view of the emergency, it is expected that no polling will take place in the largest constituencies — Israel and the U.S. — or in several others where it will be comparatively easy to arrive at electoral agreements. In Israel, the agreement is based on the outcome of the elections to the Knesset; in other countries, the party composition of the delegations may well be based on the results of elections to the preceding Congress.

Besides the security situation, the 24th Congress will deal with questions of Zionist work in general and especially with the spiritual needs of communities that had not occupied an important place in the culture of the Jewish people until they were forced to assume it after the destruction of the communities of Eastern and Central Europe. Related to this question is the structural reform of the World Zionist Organization and its relations with other Jewish organizations working for the welfare of Israel, as well as its relations with the State of Israel.

At the same time, the Congress will thus have to deal with the national problems of the State of Israel, its development and security — and with the general problems of the dispersed Jewish people as a whole. The World Zionist Congress is probably the only parliament in the world which can rightly boast that "the sun never sets" on its constituencies.

Season's Greetings were extended by President Ben-Zvi to Israel's Christian population through their religious leaders at a reception held last week at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. Here President Ben-Zvi is shown conversing with two of the 13 clerics who attended: Monsignor Georges Hakim, Greek Catholic Archbishop of Haifa, Nazareth and Galilee (left), and Monsignor Antonio Vergani, Latin Patriarch Representative in Israel.
Photo by Schlesinger

Readers' Letters

CUSTOMS DUTY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I reply to Mr. Shlomo Amir's letter, which appeared in the columns of your excellent newspaper yesterday?

Your Public Relations Director at the Treasury may not realize that foreigners such as myself, who have been overwhelmed by the generosity and hospitality of the people of this valiant and courageous country, are by this prohibitive customs tax prevented from returning the kindness in any way, and cannot send the simplest gift without victimising their erstwhile hosts. Surely the protection of "local produce" to this degree is a somewhat limited and obtuse viewpoint, for extraordinary though the industrial activity of this country may be, I cannot believe that it is self-supporting to a degree where no matter what is sent from abroad, it will represent competition on the home-market.

Could not the idea of "unsolicited gifts" be introduced as it was between America and England after the war, enabling those soldiers who wished to show their gratitude to send parcels to a land where most things were very welcome?

I feel very strongly that the human gesture, and with it the individual conscience, is being legislated out of all initiative and impulse in these times of organized society, and it will indeed be a sorry day when the "cheerful giver" whom "God loveth" will have died of paralysis, bound hand and foot by the smug red tape of Bureaucracy.

Yours, etc.
MRS. YEHUDI MENUHIN
Jerusalem, December 29.

CLERKS' HOURS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — More hours of work does not necessarily mean more work accomplished, even with the very best will. For many of us clerks longer office hours mean a strain on our health and a waste of time, what with the office conditions — up to five clerks plus the public they receive sitting in small rooms also containing filing cabinets, etc.

I am sorry to recognise that the productivity of many clerks is low, but longer hours are not the remedy. Improvement must come from the Histadrut, for a high percentage of the staff employed in Israel offices are not suitable for their jobs. An office worker must be far more conscientious than other workers, for there is no proper yardstick to measure the output of work; in addition, a clerk must be capable of carrying out certain qualified tasks. The background of many Israel clerks is not such as to make them suitable for this kind of job. Worse still are those who neglect their work and spend their office-time drinking tea, reading papers and engaging in political discussions.

If the Histadrut were to agree to make unwillingness and laziness justifiable causes for immediate discharge, Israel's administration would show quite a different picture in a few months' time.

Yours, etc.
HILDA SPILLER
Bnei Brak, December 20.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

ETHICS. — Referring to the gossiping at Ribbutz Ma'abarot, if a member (it this case a founder!) of a collective settlement breaks down under severe emotional strain and becomes mentally deranged, i.e. sick and suffering, in the last analysis — is the best that his fellow-members can do for him: his expulsion from the collective? — HARRY KOHN.

The Komsomols Fight Young Toughs

By EDWARD CRANKSHAW

LONDON, (OFNS). — A FEW weeks ago, "Krokodil," the Soviet humorous and satirical weekly, printed an extra large cartoon. It showed half-a-dozen decent-looking youngsters staring out of a clubroom window at a young tough pestering a couple of girls. On the wall of the clubroom hung a notice: "Today's Agenda: Discussion on ways and means of putting down hooliganism." And the leader of the Komsomol (Young Communist League) is saying: "Come on fellows. We can't go out into the street until that hooligan has gone. Let's do some more discussing."

Last week, at a crowded meeting of Komsomols in Moscow, a number of them were awarded Military Orders of the Red Star for their bravery in fighting "hooligans" — the Soviet name for the young gangsters who now abound.

These two incidents reflect one of the most curious developments in the Soviet domestic scene. For a long time the very existence of the young gangster was denied. When I was in Russia soon after World War II, it was dangerous for persons to go about singly, or even in twos, in whole areas of Moscow — not just in the back streets, but also in certain major and comparatively well-lighted streets. The young toughs then were mainly demobilized soldiers and orphans whose parents had died in the war.

The militia, the ordinary constabulary, as distinct from the security police, seemed incapable of coping with this situation, and in fact ignored it — as the Soviet militia ignores most things, except controlling the traffic, which they do quite well. As for the security police — such common crime was below their notice: they were interested in filling the labour camps with unfortunates arrested for minor political offences, real or imaginary. As far as they were concerned, the young hooligans of the city streets could get away with murder, as they often did.

It was not until Stalin was dead that the existence of the gangsters was officially recognised. Then the Party started a major press campaign to wipe it out — attacking the citizens who stood by and saw crimes committed without interfering, the youth leaders who failed to provide the rootless young with interests calculated to keep them off the streets, and the militia for the general helplessness. But nothing much was done beyond the closing down of a number of the more notorious places where the young gangsters could drink themselves silly on vodka, dispensed by the State.

Now, a really serious campaign has been launched. As far as I could see on my last visit to Moscow, there was a great deal less hooliganism than there had been; and this was natural enough: the supply of demobilized soldiers and war orphans had dried up. But there are still enough of these young gangsters about to make them a problem, and they are now being recruited from teenage "misfits," just as in any capitalist society.

The security police still take no interest in them. The militia still shrink from the task of keeping order — which, considering their enormous numbers, seems very odd. And the State is now recruiting the Komsomol to fight its battles for it. It is a curious sidelight on Soviet limitations to find the police in what is still a police State having to call on teenage volunteers to do its business for it.

This is the story that lay behind the presentation of military decorations to the young Komsomols in Moscow. They were presented by none other than General Kruglov, head of the MVD and, in the old days, one of Beria's right-hand-men. The meeting was to celebrate the inauguration of a network of Komsomol Raiding Squads, or strong-arm gangs, in Moscow Province. The Komsomols got more than medals, too. The platform was packed with gifts: bicycles, portable gramophones, cameras, wireless sets and watches, for subsequent presentation to members of the raiding squads who particularly distinguish themselves. A good time was had by all.

What seems to me interesting about this whole development is not so much the exposure of the extent of gangsterism and hooliganism in the cities of the Union — which is no news to anyone who knows his Russia — but, rather, the fact that in these Komsomol raiding squads for the first time since the Revolution, youngsters are being asked to band themselves together and help run their own towns on the side of authority. Not in politics, but in this battle with the underworld, we see the first beginnings of truly democratic association and action actually encouraged by the man whose job, until now, has been to trample down and crush all such manifestations.

At the Cinema

HONG KONG is becoming quite the thing in cinema, and I was pleased to be able to recognize the street at the end of "Love is a Many Splendoured Thing" (held over for another week at the Amphitheatre, Haifa) as the one where Clark Gable had his office in "Soldier of Fortune." In the present film, Jennifer Jones is the Eurasian doctor, half English half Chinese, who, after deciding that she is through with love, falls for the American journalist (William Holden). Tragic fate compels her, however, to dedicate her life to helping the sick.

"Love is a Many Splendoured Thing" does not catch the local colonist tang as "Soldier of Fortune" did. It is a pleasant love story in an exotic setting and the interiors of rich Chinese homes. Good acting by Jennifer Jones, who lives her part and gives dignified expression to the difficulties of the racial problem.

H.

Martin and Lewis

"MONEY from Home" (Zion, J'lem) translates the humour of Damon Runyon's classic story into hilarious slapstick. Jerry Lewis, that amiable moron, is great as a vegetarian vet. A film for animal lovers who appreciate fun. The manager of the Jerusalem Animal Hospital, next to whom I happened to sit, enjoyed it enormously.

Excellent Vintage Fun

"LAVENDER Hill Mob" (Or Gil, J'lem) is one of those delightful comedies that, since the demise of Lubitsch, could only have come out of Britain. Alec Guiness equals his performance in "Captain's Paradise" and Stanley Holloway is not far behind. The plot revolves around a million-pound robbery pulled off by two gifted amateurs. The "crime does not pay" ending is something of an anti-climax. The film is dated by the fact that Audrey Hepburn appears only in a very small part.

Th.F.M.

Khrushchev Speech

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

"AL Hamishmar" (Mapam), confused and dismayed, takes up the Khrushchev allegations one by one and tries to refute them in the light of facts, ending up with the hope that that is not the Soviet Union's last word and that we shall still be vindicated. The Soviet Union, writes the paper with not a little chagrin, withheld its blessing from our renascence in our homeland between the two world wars. We nevertheless went on with our work and finally merited the recognition of the U.S.S.R.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that Khrushchev and his clique know why they hate Israel, both the State and the people: Israel is the last democratic stronghold in the Middle East, and when it disappears the way will be open to enslave the entire region. Had the leaders of Israel policy understood this historic truth they would not have allowed five precious months to go by without acting. But it was clear from the very first that this Government, harbouring a pair of "Cominform twins," was incapable of waging a war against Soviet penetration in the Middle East and only at this last moment, when most of the cards are in our enemies' hands, is a debate on Government policy being planned. Khrushchev and his gang must be made to feel that liquidating Israel is not the same as liquidating "the Baltic countries."

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) observes that Khrushchev is not the only one trying to obtain Arab sympathies by attacking Israel; British circles have of late begun to blame Israel for the tension between the Arabs and us, while America is undecided whether she can afford to support us without losing Arab friendship. The Khrushchev attack should not only be a lesson to us but also clarify the position in Western capitals. Egypt and Syria view not the Soviet, but the West as a danger to their independence. The Communist attack on Israel is therefore an attack on the West for Khrushchev will go all the way with the Arabs to make the West lose its key positions in the Middle East.

"Hamodia" (World Aguda) notes that Russia's aligning itself against us so squarely will now enable the West to dismiss us as a potential recipient of aid from the Eastern bloc and to have even less consideration for us as a result.

KEEPING POSTED

THE name of "Ness" Harim really means "Sign" or "Standard" of the Hills, but the more obvious "miracle" will do just as well. When you get there, you can start checking off the miracles on your fingers. First of all, that anybody should live up there on a hill-top 28 kilometres from Jerusalem, in a place where Jordan seems so much nearer than the rest of Israel. Then there is the fine road, up and down mountains, cut deep into gorges, with good culverts and a couple of elegant and solid little bridges, leading nowhere in particular. Every now and again you catch sight of the single track railway line to Jerusalem as it winds round the *wadis*, and pretty rickety it looks and all of its 80 years old. You pass an austere monastery on the way, stuck up against a slope so steep that you wonder how people move about; so steep that the high wall round the monastery gardens conceals nothing, and looks like the frame round a picture hung on a wall. In the old days few people ever saw this place, which was approached only by a mule track. When the Suba road was opened the group of buildings was suddenly exposed, charmingly Italian, on the opposite hill. Now you pass just below the wall but it can still only be reached by scrambling up the rocks.

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THE final miracle, of course, is that there is a large wood at Ness Harim, and that the place is beautiful. Not one of these utilitarian woods with identical trees spaced out as an insult to nature, but a nice mixture of this and that, tall and short, with moss on the stones and bushes in the spaces, spiced with daisies and narcissus and an occasional brown mushroom as large as your frying-pan. Nor is this miracle altogether a secret any longer, for on a Saturday morning we found perhaps a dozen visiting parties up there walking, exploring, or picking flowers.

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THE village is laid out in a circle and its inhabitants have the tough look of mountain people. The houses are built on pillars and many families have discovered that if you fill in the spaces with stone you have an excellent place to keep your sheep safe at night from thieves, to say nothing of the fact that it helps keep the house warm in winter. The houses have been there for five years and the village apple and plum orchards are due to bear for the first time, and to be divided up among the families as their private property. We learned all this from a young man who seemed most willing to show off his village to visitors. "Now that we shall have enough water it's easy," he said. "Of course all these" he pointed around at the people standing outside their houses or paying Saturday calls "are not the ones who came originally. It was too hard at the beginning and people scraped a little money together and went to town. Except four families. Hardly any young men stayed except myself." To hear him, he might

have been the last surviving member of the Second Aliya in Hadera, celebrating the 60th anniversary of his arrival. Perhaps he will some day. Army service? He exhibited his even white teeth in a broad grin. They used to have to send extra soldiers here... Just *staying* here counts as military service. Cows? No room up on the mountain to grow fodder for them. But they did quite well with the sheep. Just that moment an old farm cart rumbled by, with half a dozen children clinging to the boards and huge old brown sheep bundled in the back. "She'll be *shashlik* soon enough," he said. "Most people have enough chickens for eggs and some a few ducks and geese. With water you can do everything." A few ducks waddled down to a large pool of water in a hollow that looked almost like a village pond, down to the old door floating in it, prodded with sticks by two little boys. The session was broken up by the geese, large, grey and fierce, which formed a V formation and attacked a little party of tiny black-faced, black-footed lambs that had been playing as prettily as kindergarten children in woolly suits. The lambs hurried off, falling over themselves, the geese screeched, and the entire village went after them to mediate, and to tell the lambs that the best way not to get hurt was to keep out of sight of the geese.

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IN the days of the Mandate British officials used to say that more good reputations had been buried in Palestine than legendary saints. But how would

Sly Culbertson have felt had he known that after his death a Hebrew newspaper would report the event and describe him as a distinguished designer of road and railway bridges?

NATURE NOTES

NO ETHICS

I HAD given a lonely golden hamster bachelor a dear little wife. For a while I watched them making friends, very much like puppies or young dogs, smelling each other, walking round and round, coyly withdrawing and surreptitiously approaching — when suddenly, for no reason that I can comprehend, the lady started climbing up the wire netting of the roomy cage, and when he, not unnaturally, started after her, she let out a yell — or at least a squeak — and jumped down. There was a wild chase for a while, then my philosophical bachelor returned to his nest.

She came down after a while, from a vantage point in a high corner. They surveyed each other solemnly, in that quaint way hamsters have, standing up like piles driven in the ground, hands under chins — and when he cautiously approached her, the same chase started again. I thought, having no experience: "Maybe hamster ladies are like Eskimo virgins, bound by good manners to put up resistance to a fate worse than death." And I did not interfere when the racket started again and again.

At two after midnight all remained silent and I thought the two were amicably sharing the former bachelor's nest. In the morning, however, I found the lady had vanished: escaped, evidently, through an incredibly small space, a mesh slightly larger than the others.

Three children and myself, not to speak of a neighbour almost as distressed as myself, have been turning the house upside down in vain. "How can you make such a hullabaloo about a mouse?" say my friends, seeing me woebegone, "In times such as these!" I explain that I feel guilty — but is there any need to explain?

P.A.

PEN FRIENDS

The seventh grade students, 12 and 13 years old, of the Beit Aaron Religious School in Detroit, wish to correspond with Israel students who understand and write English. They can be contacted through their teacher, Theresa Pagin, at the above school, 13320 Wyoming, Detroit 21, Michigan, U.S.A.

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